

Release on Tuesday Expected

Cuba to Free 1100 Invasion Captives; Deal Said to Involve Food, Medicine

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MIAMI, Oct. 7—Eleven hundred men captured in last year's Bay of Pigs invasion will be freed this week and promptly flown out of Cuba, informed sources said here today.

If the final arrangements are completed without a hitch, they will be exchanged Tuesday for a multi-million-dollar package of food and medicine.

The Cuban Families Committee, which negotiated their release, is busy trying to round up planes to fly them off the island. It is expected that three or four jets will be used to take the prisoners to Miami in loads of about 150 to a plane.

Formal announcement of the exchange is expected following a final meeting today

between Cuban Premier Fidel Castro and James B. Donovan, Brooklyn attorney.

Donovan, a key figure in the exchange of Russian spy Rudolf Abel for CIA pilot Francis Gary Powers last February, has been working without fee on the Cuban prisoners' case since July 27.

He met with Castro on Aug. 31 and again Friday night. Two members of the families committee, wealthy cattleman Alvaro Sanchez Jr. and former Havana attorney Ernesto Freyre, accompanied him Friday.

Reports indicate that some of the prisoners are ill, suffering from hepatitis and stomach trouble. Few, however, are believed to be in serious condition.

Sixty sick and wounded prisoners were released by Castro

on April 14. They were flown to Miami, where a crowd of 20,000 welcomed them home. The throng expected to greet the full complement of prisoners this week is expected to be even larger.

Donovan and the families committee have declined to give details on the ransom Castro demands. Its value has been estimated at about \$30 million.

A ransom price totaling \$62 million was placed on the prisoners following their trial before a military tribunal last April.

Since then, six prisoners have been ransomed individually for fees totaling \$375,000. Record price to date is \$100,000, which former Cuban Vice President Guillermo Alonson Payol paid on April 14 for the release of his son.